

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SOUTHWEST OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAMS

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HUD's Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

Information Bulletin of the Southwest Office of Native American Program for the week of December 10, 2018

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1. What's New on Codetalk (www.hud.gov/codetalk)! Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations. **Read more** about ONAP's mission, funding programs, directory, & program accomplishments. For more info. about ONAP funding and programs, visit the **Codetalk Homepage:**

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) NOFA Application Deadline Jan. 7, 2019: The ICDBG Program provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons. Projects funding by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low-and-moderate-income persons. Up to \$65M is available through this NOFA. Deadline date of January 7, 2019.

Notice of Funding Availability Click Here. Apply at: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=309778. Please send any ICDBG NOFA related questions to: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov.

Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:

- To live on public lands, contact the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH).
- To live on a reservation, contact a local Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE).
- Locate your state housing counseling agency or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the agency nearest you.

Native American Housing Programs

- <u>Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)</u> administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing for Native American families.
- <u>Indian Housing Grant Programs</u>-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.
- Housing Improvement Program (HIP) provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants.
- Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute): http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm
- Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New: http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/

<u>FREE</u> HUD/ONAP Trainings! Registration for these trainings is *FREE*, but you must register to attend. For course descriptions & to register, visit https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/calendar



2. TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS: Also visit HUD's Calendar of Events.

Conferences & Event	Date/Location	Description
2018 NAIHC Legal Symposium	Dec. 10-12	This annual event provides a forum to discuss regulatory and legal issues in the tribal housing arena,
	Las Vegas, NV	as well as related community development issues. Nearly 30 training sessions will be offered. More
	0 ,	info at: http://naihc.net/event/2018-naihc-legal-symposium/
Tribal Contracting and	Dec. 10-12	More info. at: Tribal Contracting and Purchasing Certification Program
Purchasing Certification	Las Vegas, NV	
<u>Program</u>		
Opioids in Indian Country:	Dec. 10-12	Tribal communities throughout the U.S. are disproportionately impacted (2-3 timers higher) by opioids and substance abuse. This training session will provide information about the Healing to
Promoting Treatment &	Reno, NV	Wellness Program designed to address opioid addiction administered by the Saginaw Chippewa
Cultural Interventions		Tribal Court. The mission of the Healing to Wellness Program is to reduce recidivism, family violence,
		and death caused by substance abuse. More info. at: www.nijc.org
Creative Tribal Youth	Dec. 10-12	Creative Youth Development (CYD) describes the practice of integrating the arts, sciences, cultures
Development Programs	Reno, NV	and humanities with youth development principles, sparking youth creativity and building critical
		learning and life skills that carry into adulthood. This session provides information to foster Native
		perspectives and practices in the CYD field, and will examine the benefits of CYD programs for tribal
		youth, and the opportunities and means to implement CYD programs in tribal communities. <u>Click here for Registration Form</u>
2018 Office of Indian Energy	Dec. 10-14	U.S. Dept. Energy's (DOE) annual opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes
Program Review (DOE)	Lakewood, CO	that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes. The Review features
	Lakewood, co	project status updates from tribes across the nation who are leveraging Office of Indian Energy grant
		funding to deploy energy technologies or initiate the first steps to energy development. There is no
		registration fee, but advanced registration is required. Register now.
Falmouth Tribal Supervision &	Dec. 11-13	General sessions & various, hands-on workshops to help your employees excel, new methods to
Management Conference	Las Vegas, NV	gauge performance, and financial terms and concepts every tribal supervisor/manager should know. Choose from an array of workshops offering approaches to create a positive meeting atmosphere,
		strategies for ensuring accountability and results, steps to take to actualize changes you envision in
		your tribal organization and ways to create respectful workplaces. For more info., visit
		http://www.falmouthinstitute.com/conferences/HR1072018/index.html
Resources for Residents: A	Dec. 12	The Tribal Healthy Homes Network & the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, in
Showcase of Indoor Air and	Webinar	collaboration with agency and tribal partners, showcase educational resources to inform and engage
Healthy Homes Resources for	10-11:30 am	your community, your tenants, your patients, elders and youth. Presentation will showcase
Tribal Outreach	PST	everything from healthy homes educational pamphlets and handouts, to videos and radio ads, to checklists and calendars. All healthy home topics will be included (e.g., mold, lead, radon,
		woodsmoke). Who Should Attend: Tribal housing (resident services specialists, inspectors,
		managers); tribal health care (community health workers, nurses, public health), tribal
		environmental (air quality, health and safety). REGISTER <u>HERE</u> - (If your browser does not connect,
		click on this link to register: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5977382109785578755)
NM Tribal Homeownership	Dec. 13	WEBINAR AGENDA: DEVELOPING FARM LABOR HOUSING ON TRIBAL LAND
Coalition Meeting/Webinar	Webinar	Speakers: Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation and USDA Rural Development
	1-3pm MT	Introduction to Tierra del Sol Housing Corporation
		What is USDA Section 514/516 financing for Farm Labor Housing?
		What types of technical assistance services are available to prepare applications seeking
		Section 514/516 financing? Who is eligible to apply for Section 514/516 financing?
		Who is eligible to live in property built using Section 514/516 financing?
		Evaluating data on farm labor, agricultural production and animal products
		What provisions need to be met to build on Tribal-owned Trust Land?
		Guidance for Leasing and Mortgages on Tribal Land
		Next steps
		Upcoming Notice for Solicitation of Applications (NOSA)
		First steps needed to prepare an application
		Q: and A:
		To join the meeting please click the following link
		https://housingnm.webex.com/webappng/sites/housingnm/meeting/info/113046189086122652?M
		TID=mb8b4585f77baac4b4eb893832ab0c131 Meeting Number (access code): 803-521-179; Meeting Password: HZmfSqBT.
		Join by phone: +1-415-655-0002 US Toll
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Conferences & Event	Date/Location	Description
19th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference	April 9-11, 2019 Miami, FL	This one-of-a-kind educational conference brings together industry leaders with experienced tribal developers and young professionals to learn and share innovative practices on developing homes and businesses in Native communities. We provide detailed instruction on securing funding for affordable housing developments, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, economic development, the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program, asset management and compliance, architectural design and construction monitoring and Sustainable, Responsible, Impact (SRI) Investing. The annual conference is free of charge for qualifying attendees who work in housing, community or economic development and who serve American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian communities or people. For more info., visit www.travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information or call or email the planning team at 816-994-8970 or comm@travois.com .

3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Deadline	Additional Information	
	To Apply		
SAMHSA's Healthy Transitions: Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults With Serious Mental Disorders Program (Healthy Transitions)	Dec. 21	The SAMHSA Healthy Transitions grant program improves access to treatment and support services for youth and young adults, ages 16-25, who have a serious emotional disturbance (SED) or a serious mental illness (SMI), hereafter referred to as serious mental disorders. It is expected that this program will improve emotional and behavioral health functioning so that this population of youth and young adults can maximize their potential to assume adult roles and responsibilities and lead full and productive lives. SAMHSA plans to issue up to 14 grants of up to \$1,000,000 per year for up to 5 years. For more info., visit https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-19-001	
USDA Solid Waste	Dec. 31	The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program assists communities	
Management Grant Program		through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified organizations will receive SWM grant funds to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Eligible entities include state and local governments, and federally recognized tribes. Learn more and apply.	
EPA 2018 Targeted	Jan. 4,	Eligible Entities: local, state and/or tribal air pollution control agencies	
Airshed Grant	2019	This notice announces the availability of \$40 million in funding and solicits applications from	
Program		eligible entities. This program will assist local, state and/or tribal air pollution control agencies to develop plans and conduct projects to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that EPA determines are the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone (O3), annual average fine particulate matter (PM2.5), or 24-hour PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The overall goal of the Targeted Airshed Grant Program is to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM2.5 ambient air concentrations. For more info., visit the funding opportunity description.	
Indian Community	Jan. 7,	HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) NOFA for Fiscal Year 2018 funds. Up to	
Development Block	2019	\$65M is available through this NOFA. Apply at: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-	
Grant (HUD)		opportunity.html?oppId=309778. Send any ICDBG NOFA related questions to: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov	
FY 2019 EPA	Jan. 31,	FY 2019 Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Application Resources -The Environmental Protection	
Brownfields Grant	2019	Agency (EPA) application guidance for Fiscal Year 2019 brownfields grant funding is available at: https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2019-multipurpose-assessment-and-cleanup-grant-application-resources	
Opportunity		For FY 2019, a total of \$50 million is expected to be awarded to more than 100 recipients. Webinar: Dec. 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. ET. Participants can access the webinar here: https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/fy19 mac/	
U.S. Department of	Feb. 26,	This DOJ solicitation provides federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia an opportunity to apply	
Justice Coordinated	2019	for funding to aid in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to public safety and	
Tribal Assistance		victimization. DOJ's existing Tribal Government–specific programs are included in and available	
Solicitation		through this single Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. More info. at: View article	
EPA Tribal Clean	April 3,	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Transportation & Air Quality is soliciting applications	
Diesel Funding	2019	nationwide for tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates \$2 million will be	
Assistance Program		awarded to eligible tribal applicants. Under this solicitation, only tribal governments (or intertribal consortiums) or Alaska Native villages, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, are eligible to apply for Tribal Clean Diesel grants. EPA will host a webinar on the funding opportunity Feb. 21, 2019, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. Learn more and apply.	



Agency/Source **Deadline Additional Information** To Apply Sept. 30, U.S. Dept. of Interior's program to implement the land consolidation provisions of the Cobell Settlement FY 2019 Land Buy-Agreement, which provided \$1.9 billion to consolidate fractional land interests across Indian country. The Buy-Back **Back Program for** 2019 Program allows interested individual owners to sell their land for immediate transfer to the recognized tribe that **Tribal Nations** exercises jurisdiction. More info. at: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=309293 **Indian Loan** This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that Open contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: Guaranty, • An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group Insurance, and • Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives **Interest Subsidy** • A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. Program (DOI) For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm. - Discover Foundation. Applications accepted year-round. **Financial Literacy** Open **Funding** Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in Emergency Open capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and **Community Water** Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing **Assistance Grants** water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or (USDA-RD) treatment facility or waterline extensions. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm Broadband Program furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, **Rural Broadband** Open improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed Loans & Loan in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Rural Utility Service (RUS) **Guarantees (USDA)** $\label{thm:communications} \textbf{Telecommunications visit:} \ \ \underline{\text{http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs}}$ Justice Department Announces Funding Opportunities for Tribal Communities **Justice Department** Open The U.S. Department of Justice announced the opening of the grant solicitation period for comprehensive funding **Announces Funding** to federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments and tribal consortia to support public **Opportunities for** safety, victim services and crime prevention. **Tribal Communities USDA WATER &** USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable Open drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to WASTE DISPOSAL households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be **LOANS & GRANTS** available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Eligible Applicants: state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. How to Apply: apply now by using the online application tool RDApply. **Indian Land Tenure** Open The Foundation provides funding to Indian nations to support various aspects of land recovery with a focus on reacquiring alienated federal lands. Returning lands to Indian ownership and control is important to ensure that Foundation - Land Indian people have access to the financial and natural resources within their own reservations. The Foundation **Recovery Efforts** supports a variety of initiatives to assist tribes in the development of plans to reacquire reservation lands. More info. at: https://www.iltf.org/grants/special-initiatives/land-recovery-efforts Program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and National Open resilient places – achieving these community goals through strategies that incorporate arts, culture, and/or design. **Endowment for the** This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life & opportunity for existing residents, increase creative Arts "Our Town" activity, & create or preserve a distinct sense of place. Eligible lead applicants are: • Nonprofit tax-exempt **Grant Program** 501(c)(3) U.S. organizations with 3-year history of programming; and ● Local govt counties, parishes, cities, towns, villages, or federally recognized tribal governments. Local arts agencies or other departments, agencies, or entities within an eligible local government may submit the application on behalf of that local government. More at: https://www.arts.gov/grants-organizations/our-town/introduction RCAC's Loan Program helps create, improve or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems **Environmental** Open and other facilities that serve rural communities by providing the early funds small rural communities need to Infrastructure Loan determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May Program (RCAC) also provide interim construction financing, and intermediate & long-term loans for system improvements. ELIGIBLITY: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments. ELIGIBLE AREA: Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA and WY. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste & storm water facilities. Contact Juanita Hallstrom, jhallstrom@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org FY2018 Disaster Open The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has published the Fiscal Year 2018 (FY2018) Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) making \$587 million available to eligible grantees in Supplemental communities impacted by natural disasters in 2017. Current Closing Date for Applications: There are no **Notice of Funding** application deadlines and the agency will accept proposals on a rolling basis until the publication of a new Disaster (EDA) Supplemental NOFO, cancellation of this NOFO, or all funds are obligated.

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Direct Home Loans for Native Americans	Open	(Managing Agency Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)) - Program Description: The Native American Direct Loan (NADL) program makes home loans available to eligible Native American Veterans who wish to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Federal Trust land or to reduce the interest rate. Veterans who are not Native American, but who are married to a Native American non-Veteran, may be eligible for a direct loan under this
		program. For more info.,visit the NADL program website. General Program Requirements: 1. The applicant must be an eligible Veteran. 2. The tribal organization or other appropriate Native American group must be participating in the VA direct loan program. The tribal organization must have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, that spells out the conditions under which the program will operate on its trust lands. 3. Apply for a Certificate of Eligibility. 4. The loan must be to purchase, construct, or improve a home on Native American trust land. 5. The Veteran must occupy the property as his or her primary residence. 6. The Veteran must be a satisfactory credit risk.

4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov Government Information by Topic: http://www.usa.gov/.
- Explore U.S. Federal Agency Resources for Native Americans: https://www.usa.gov/tribes
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: https://www.hud.gov/program offices/public indian housing/ih/regs
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability.
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su docs/aces/fr-cont.html.
- Environmental Resources http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm
- Grants Available to Tribes on Health Issues
- Resources Available to Tribes on Health Issues
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm
- Asset Building for Native Communities: http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArRPk
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. http://www.idrsinc.org
- Native American Contractors Association: http://www.nativecontractors.org/
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: http://www.itcaonline.com/
Inter Tribal Council of **California**: http://www.itccinc.org/
Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: http://www.itcn-snac.org/

All Pueblo Governors Council (of New Mexico): http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccaz.org

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California http://www.aicccal.org

Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) http://www.swtha.org/

Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nevcal.org

FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- <u>USDA</u> Rural Development <u>http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html</u>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP Grant Program.html.
- Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm
- General Services Administration (GSA)
 https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- Indian Health Service (IHS) http://www.ihs.gov/
 - IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html



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- Department of Energy's (DOE)Tribal Energy Program http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html
 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html
 Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html
- Department of Treasury CDFI Fund http://www.cdfifund.gov
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Money Smart materials can be found at www.fdic.gov/moneysmart
- <u>US Department of Commerce MDBA</u> (Minority Business Development Agency) http://www.mbda.gov/
 Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov/
 <u>Small Business Administration</u> (SBA) http://www.sba.gov/
- OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) –
 Disaster Preparedness & Recovery http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#
 FEMA Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy http://www.fcc.gov/indians/.
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/programs/programs/program information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: <u>www.sustainablecommunities.gov</u>
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources rural sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration Public website <u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u>
 - SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aian/
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21
- Veterans Administration: Native American Direct Loan Program: http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp
 VA Office of Tribal Government Relations http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/

5. BITS & PIECES: Tribal News

Native Financial Education Coalition Launches New Website/Resource Center

The Native Financial Education Coalition officially launched its <u>new website</u>, which is designed to serve as a living online resource center for tribal leaders, financial education practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders interested in learning more about the state of Indian Country financial education and how to strengthen it. The new NFEC site features a comprehensive array of resource components designed to keep site visitors up to speed on the latest information, research, data, best practices, and tools focused on this critical topic, including:

News & Updates ticker: featuring the latest news about Indian Country financial education, upcoming events, and new grant opportunities.

Latest Research & Data: the ten most recent research- and data-based resources added to the NFEC site.

Tools & Resources: Toolkits, handbooks, tip sheets, mobile apps, online financial education programs, and other useful online tools and resources.

Research Catalogue: a comprehensive catalogue of research-based, grouped into nine main topic areas dealing with particular aspects of financial education, ranging from "Access to Capital & Credit" to "Taxation." **To access the new NFEC website, click here.**

About NFEC: The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) serves as the lead steward of the Native Financial Education Coalition, which was founded in 2000 as a result of a U.S. Department of Treasury initiative on financial literacy. NFEC's mission is to (1) **increase awareness** of the need for adequate personal finance skills in Native communities, (2) **build the capacity** of tribal governments and Native organizations to provide financial education; and (3) support the efforts of Coalition partners and stakeholders to promote financial management skills through **information sharing and collaboration.**



California Wildfires Information:

Below is helpful info. to share with those impacted and/or wanting to help in the wildfire response & recovery.

- 1. For recovery information, please see one of these websites.
 - 1. www.wildfirerecovery.org
 - 2. www.venturarecovers.org

- 3. www.buttecountyrecovers.org
- 4. www.lacounty.gov
- 2. <u>The Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians</u> launched a multi-tribal fundraising campaign to help victims of the Camp Fire in Butte County through the tribe's Paskenta Nomlaki Foundation. <u>Donate here.</u>
- 3. More donation info. on the CalVolunteers website https://californiavolunteers.ca.gov/current-disasters/
- 4. Free Helping Handbook: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently announced that residents in Butte, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties are eligible to register for disaster relief assistance. To help residents in the affected areas navigate through the options for aid and the various agencies providing it, Morrison & Foerster released an updated version of our Helping Handbook. The Fall 2018 California Wildfires Helping Handbook provides up-to-date, practical information for individuals, families, and small businesses on subjects including housing, government benefits, insurance, FEMA assistance, replacement of lost documents, and fraud prevention. https://www.mofo.com/culture/community/fall-2018-california-wildfires-helping-handbook.html

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS: RGG Services has been contracted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide Native American small businesses specialized training to address economic and business development issues and to help implement actions to improve their community. Workshops will start in December 2018 and run through June 2019. Cost is FREE. **Course Topics include:**

Is Owning a Business a Good Fit for You? Financial Management Insurance Banking Services and

More

Workshop Locations:

Aberdeen, SD Dallas Ft. Worth, TX Wausau, WI

Phoenix, AZ Norman, OK Mount Pleasant, MI
Las Vegas, NV Remove Anchorage, AK
Albuquerque, NM Tulsa, OK Grand Rapids, MN

Raliegh, NC Billing, MT

Click Here to Register Today





Southwest Office of Native American Programs (SWONAP) . Join Our Mailing List.

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Phone: (602) 379-7200 FAX: (602) 379-3101/3985

Website: www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap

SWONAP's Albuquerque Office

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Learn More about ONAP funding & programs https://www.hud.gov/codetalk

Check out our HUD's new website! www.HUD.gov